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Dear Sir:

In response to the First Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on November 29, 2006, please replace/substitute the following claims as indicated.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.